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FOR: METHOD FOR COUPLING PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBERS



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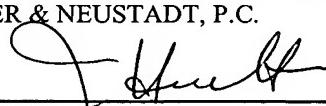
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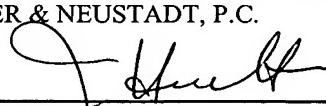
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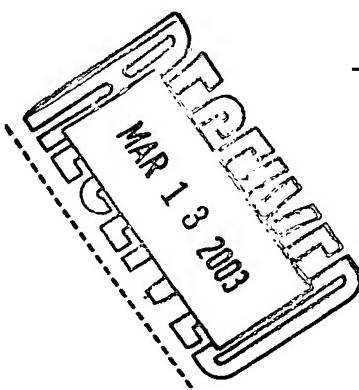
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**LIST OF RELATED CASES**

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219491US3*	10/073,910	02/14/02	PENDING
228469US3X	10/247,643	09/20/02	PENDING
229065US0 DIV	10/262,897	10/03/02	PENDING
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